GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - MA&UD Department - Allegations of irregularities committed in issuance of endorsement to Government land as Private land without verifying the basic revenue records of Sy.No.23/1 of Kurmannapalem Village of Visakhapatnam District – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) and six (6) others, Visakhapatnam under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Charges held proved - Imposition of penalty of "Withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect, against Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) and Sri P. Madhu Kumar, the then ACP, Gajuwaka, GVMC., Visakhapatnam - Orders - Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1107 **Dated: 10-10-2025**

Read the following:-

1. From the GA(V&E) Deptt. Vigilance Report No.12 (C.No.860 /V&E/D1/2013, dated: 12-02-2016.
2. G.O.Rt.No.544, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.29.07.2022.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.545 & 546, MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., dated.29.07.2022.
4. Written Statement of Defenses of Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) dated.13.10.2022 and Sri P. Madhu Kumar, the then ACP, Gajuwaka, dated; 11.11.2020;
5. G.O.Rt.No.298 MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept. dated:11.05.2023.
6. G.O.Rt.No.299, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dt. 11.05.2023.
7. From the Inquiry Officer, Lr.Roc.No.1/Add.Dir/Inquiries/2/2024, dated:12.12.2024.
8. Govt.Memo.168085/Vig.I/2016 dated:30.03.2025.
9. Written representations of Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) and Sri P. Madhu Kumar, the then ACP, Gajuwaka, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, dated. 23.04.2025.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government, that on the allegations of irregularities committed in issuance of endorsement to Government land as Private land without verifying the basic revenue records of Sy.No.23/1 of Kurmannapalem Village of Visakhapatnam District, after conducting an inquiry into the matter, the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) and Sri P. Madhu Kumar, the then ACP, Gajuwaka, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, among others.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, among others, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) and Sri P. Madhu Kumar, the then ACP, Gajuwaka, GVMC., Visakhapatnam and in the reference 3rd read above, Article of charges were framed against them.

3. Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, Government appointed Sri B.Suresh Kumar, the then Additional Director of Town & Country Planning and working as CCP in GVMC, Visakhapatnam as an Inquiry Officer to enquire into

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the charges framed against charge officers. Further, in the reference 6th read above, orders were issued, appointing the Smt.K. Padmaja, DCP, GVMC, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority.

4. In the reference 7th cited, the Inquiry Officer has submitted inquiry report concluding that, the charges framed against Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) and Sri P. Madhu Kumar, the then ACP, Gajuwaka, GVMC., Visakhapatnam were held 'proved' in the Inquiry.

5. Government, after examination of the Inquiry report, decided to accept the findings of the Inquiry Officer and accordingly, communicated a copy of Inquiry report to Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) and Sri P. Madhu Kumar, the then ACP, Gajuwaka, GVMC., Visakhapatnam under Rule 21 (2) of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for making their written representation, if any, on the findings of the inquiry officer vide reference 8th read above. In the reference 9th read above, they have submitted their representation and requested to drop further action.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, has observed that the written representations of the above charged officers is not convincing and therefore decided to impose a penalty of "Withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) and Sri P. Madhu Kumar, the then ACP, Gajuwaka, GVMC., Visakhapatnam as the charges were held proved against them.

7. Accordingly, Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 9 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, hereby impose the penalty of "Withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri K. Gopinath, the then TPA (I/c) and Sri P. Madhu Kumar, the then ACP, Gajuwaka, GVMC., Visakhapatnam.

8. The, DTCP, AP, Mangalagiri shall take action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To;
The Charged officers (through DTCP., A.P., Mangalagiri)
The DTCP, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur.

Copy to:

The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Building, A.P. Secretariat.
The Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam.
SF/SCs(E.No: 85335).

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.